

## THE WEATHER

Today and Saturday—Moderating.  
Sun rises Saturday 8:43. Sets 4:15. Light  
vehicles by 4:35.  
Edmonton Temperatures — Thursdays,  
Maximum, 7 above; Friday, Minimum,  
zero.

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## WHEAT CLOSE

FRIDAY  
WINNIPEG CLOSING—Dec. 7 1/2; May,  
77 1/2.  
CHICAGO CLOSING — Dec. 8 1/4; May,  
85 1/4.

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## ITALY STATE Greeks Capture Porto Palermo

### Today's War Moves

By J. W. T. MASON  
British United Press War Expert  
Exclusive to Edmonton Bulletin  
INCREASING seriousness of the Italian defeat in North Africa is shown by today's announcement in Rome that the fighting has extended to Sollum, on the Egyptian side of the Libyan border. London's report of the capture of several thousand more Italians means that the British mechanized units are pressing forward toward Libya with the apparent intention of driving the Italian back into their own territory.

There were indications that the immediate objective of the British drive is to continue to pound against the Italian right flank. This maneuver is designed to prevent the Italian spreading southward into the desert, keeping them as much as possible near the Mediterranean coast, within range of British naval guns.

It is probable that these tactics are largely responsible for the great number of Italian prisoners, especially in the coastal strip. The Italian cannot rely to the fire from the British warships and seem unable to break through the British lines to the southward.

### DISASTER FOR RENITO

The eventual magnitude of the British success will depend on the extent to which the British Mediterranean fleet is able to continue the severance of communications between Libya and Italy's home supply base. If Libya can be permanently cut off from Italy, following the present British victory, a disaster of the first magnitude will overtake Signor Mussolini's ambitions in Africa.

Isolation of Libya is the principal objective of British strategy, in association with the expulsion of the Italian forces from Egypt. This purpose is responsible for the circulation of reports that it does eventually may be compelled to risk a major naval engagement in the Mediterranean, although his fleet is too powerful to do so.

In the Italian refusal to engage at sea and if the British continue to keep Libya bottled up, the surrender of the Libyan army would become within the realm of probabilities, provided the war continued far into next year. To which the British has reserves of supplies is not known, but probably not for more than six months if the present scale of fighting continues, especially since the British capture of material is said to be large.

Libya principal port for receiving home supplies is Benghazi, on the western coast of the Cyrenaica district of Libya. Benghazi is nearly 500 miles across the Mediterranean from Italy and only 300 miles from the new British naval base in Crete.

The operations of the British fleet, therefore, require a shorter radius.

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## Italians Considering Seeking Armistice Commander Reveals

### Leadership Split On Whether To Seek Truce Or Withdraw Deeper Into Albania To Halt Greek Troops

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Italian forces, after a fierce fight, have started withdrawing from Tepelene, Albania, Exchange Telegraph News Agency reported today from Athens. The Italians were said to be suffering heavy losses.

By BEN AMES  
ATHENS, Dec. 12.—(BUP)—Greek capture of Porto Palermo, on the Albanian coast, was announced officially today and a captured Italian commander was quoted that the Italian command in Tirana was considering whether to ask Greece for an armistice.

The Italian commander was quoted in authoritative Athens quarters as saying that the Italian leadership was split on the issue of either an armistice, or withdrawing deeper into Albania in hope that the Greeks would be halted by their lengthened communications lines and the weather, which is growing steadily worse.

### BRITISH SUB TORPEDOES NAZI SUPPLY VESSEL

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(BUP)—The Admiralty said today that the British submarine Sunfish has torpedoed and sunk a German supply ship of four thousand tons, which was carrying a large quantity of oil and other supplies to the Italian coast. Earlier the air ministry said that a British plane off the Dutch coast had dropped a stick of bombs which burst midship, a German supply vessel of seven thousand tons.

The Sunfish torpedoed the supply ship close to the Norwegian coast. The Admiralty said, and also hit and damaged an oil tanker of about four thousand tons.

The Admiralty said that the supply ship was "deeply laden and probably was carrying a large cargo of oil to Germany."

### ENEMY TORPEDO SINKS BRITISH ARMED CRUISER

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—The armed merchant cruiser H.M.S. Forfar has been torpedoed and sunk by the Admiralty announced tonight.

Gloucester register of shipping lists no merchant ship of that name.

### Vets Didn't Count Cost As They Answered Call: Are You Going To Now?

Lying on little white cots in the Military Ward of the University hospital are many men who served their King and Country in defence of democracy in the Great War of 1914-1918. Now, 22 years after conclusion of that conflict, they are still suffering as a result of wounds and other disabilities every day in their lives.

Each and every one can help these boys have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



These Frenchmen Carry On

No Frenchman felt the humiliation of the Vichy collapse more deeply than the fliers of this great but unfortunate country. Among the most daring and intrepid aviators in the world, many of them refused to bow to defeat, and now are fighting alongside the British. Here a trio rest beside their plane, a Potez 63 bomber, in the Middle East between flights.

## ACCLAMATION FOR RONNING BEING SOUGHT

By-Election Can Be Avoided, C.C.F. Official Declares

A by-election may be avoided in the Camrose constituency by a decision of the government to avoid Chester A. Ronning to be elected by acclamation. Elmer E. Roper, secretary of the provincial council of the C.C.F., stated Friday. Mr. Roper was commenting on the suggestion made Thursday by Premier Bennett that the commission were embodied in the famous Duxton report.

## SUPPLY HEAD MAY SUCCEED LORD LOTHIAN

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Sir Andrew Duncan, minister of supply, was being mentioned as a likely successor to the late Lord Lothian as ambassador to the United States. One report went so far as to suggest that he might be named tonight.

## SHEFFIELD IS CHIEF TARGET OF NAZI RAIDS

Concentrated Blows Of Night Raiders Aimed At Steel Centre

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Screaming sirens warned Londoners to shelter tonight after a day in which the government announced that a single bomb was dropped anywhere in England from dawn to dusk.

## DUKE FLIES FOR MEETING WITH F.D.R.

American Naval Plane Carrying Windsor To Meet President

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12.—(BUP)—The Duke of Windsor flew today in a Caribbean rendezvous with President Roosevelt. They will meet aboard the U.S.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa, somewhere off Miami, in Duke's Bahamas. It was learned from a confidential source.

## MARKS NO STATEMENT

"To carry 100,000 to make a statement this morning," the Duke himself had prepared. "I'm entirely in the hands of the navy today and I'm sure they will take very good care of me."

## Italian Defeatists, Hoarders May Get Rough Handling By Fascist Strong-Arm Squads

ROME, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Italian defeatists and hoarders soon may face rough handling by members of Fascism's strong-arm squads which were active in the early days of the party in leading doubters, it was indicated today.

## 500 ITALIANS SURRENDER TO SINGLE TANK

ABOARD A BRITISH DESTROYER OFF THE EGYPTIAN COAST, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A radio message picked up today by this warship from the office of a British tank taking part in the fighting beyond Sidi Barrani said: "I am in the hands of 500 fascists, all with their hands up but can not hold these hands."

Read his column on the editorial page of The Edmonton Bulletin Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## Desert Army May Press Offensive To Invade Libya

### Land, Sea and Air Forces Combining To Drive Fascist Forces From Egyptian Soil—Italo Losses Are Heavy

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—British forces in Egypt's western desert were reported tonight by Reuters news agency in a Cairo dispatch to have captured the entire stock of food and fuel which the Italians had for the invasion of Egypt.

By LARRY ALLEN  
ABOARD A BRITISH DESTROYER OFF EGYPT, Dec. 12.—(AP)—With British sea, air and land forces combining in an attempt to blast the Italian expeditionary force off Egyptian soil, British sources declared today that the offensive might be turned into a counter-invasion of Italian Libya.

The British forces appeared to be turning their victory into a complete rout of the Fascists and some said there was a good chance that the drive would not stop at the Egyptian-Libyan border "while the Fascists are on the run."

The order to take the offensive against Marshal Graziani's legions, 70 miles inside Egypt, was a shot in the arm for the whole British and Imperial army of the Nile, it appeared from advices reaching this destroyer participating in the naval offensive.

### Navy Puts Thousands To Full Flight

For weeks, desert-hardened troops, Britons, Australians, New Zealanders, Indians, Poles and Frenchmen, have been chafing at inactivity.

Now, with the initiative in British hands, their hour for a grand offensive may have come.

The navy is co-operating fully. British warships have hurled tons of high explosives into Graziani's advance bases, forcing thousands of soldiers to flee in disorder toward Libya.

### One Of Worst Shells In History

Six to 15-inch shells pouring into the Fascist ranks shattered attempts to reinforce advance troops. The Italians steadily fell back under land, sea and air attacks and the retreat appeared to be fast developing into complete rout.

The destroyer on which this is being written and other units of the Royal Navy swept over minefields to within half a mile of the hastily-prepared shore batteries and threw heavy fire at the Italians.

The Fascist army moving along the Egyptian seaboard understood what British naval authorities declared to be one of the most destructive naval shelling in history.

### Petain And Laval Return To Vichy

VICHY, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Premier Philippe Petain and vice-premier Pierre Laval returned here today from a visit to Paris.

### Gleanings From Today's Want Ads

- (Turn to Pages 12 and 13)
- REDECORATED modern 4 room bungalow, fireplace, gas stove, refrigerator, heat, water included. \$42.00. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- CENTRALIA needed, new building, suitable for home or office repairs, finish or plastering job. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- LYRIC electric, Victor electric, Philips battery radio. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- EXPERIENCED, experienced, capable, honest, clean, pleasant, reliable. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- LOST—British passport, found. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- WANTED—Garage, located or unlocated. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- Buy—Sell—Rent—Add. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)
- Deaths Recorded Today. (Heading 10-B, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-F, 10-G, 10-H, 10-I, 10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N, 10-O, 10-P, 10-Q, 10-R, 10-S, 10-T, 10-U, 10-V, 10-W, 10-X, 10-Y, 10-Z)

WALTER LIPPMANN

Read his column on the editorial page of The Edmonton Bulletin Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

DOROTHY THOMPSON

writes every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Also on the editorial page, daily, is "From the News," by

HAROLD L. WEIR

The hanging fold of skin extending along the under side of the neck of cows and other bovines is known as a dewlap.

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## 1ST DIVISION IN STRENUOUS WAR TRAINING

Goes Ahead With Exact-  
ing Program—Reaches  
High Standard

By ROSS MUNRO  
SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND,  
Dec. 12.—(CP)—The Canadian  
Division is going full steam ahead  
on its exacting training program.  
Probably the most strenuous any  
Canadian formation has ever ex-  
perienced.

There will be no let-up even during the colder weather.  
"I feel this is no time to have any  
let-up in training activity," Maj-  
Gen. G. R. Pearkes, divisional com-  
mander, told The Canadian Press.  
"Although we have reached a  
high standard of efficiency, there  
is much more to be done. The  
work we have yet to do is in per-  
fecting our organization and our  
fighting spirit."

**IMPROVE STANDARD**  
—The more highly trained each  
soldier is in the use of his numerous  
weapons and equipment, the less  
will he be the loss we suffer in battle.  
And the greater the standard of our  
discipline and power of co-operation,  
the greater will be our ability to  
sweep our way to victory."

"Therefore, we are going to  
devote every hour we can this  
winter—daylight and dark—to  
raising our standard of weapons  
training and increasing the  
mental and physical fitness of  
the men. In addition, there will  
be many rehearsals of our  
various operational roles."

The first anniversary of the  
division's landing in England is next  
Tuesday. In the year the divisional  
units have taken almost every kind  
of military instruction. They are  
acknowledged to be one of the crack  
divisions in England and British  
officers in the composite Canadian  
British corps commanded by Lieut-  
Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton pay un-  
usually high compliments to the  
manner in which Gen. Pearkes  
men have been carrying out their  
tactical manoeuvres in co-operation  
with British formations.

The division will participate on a  
broad scale in the educational pro-  
gram being launched for Canadian  
troops in England, and the divisional  
commander is a strong sup-  
porter of the plan, believing it will  
root a number of problems that  
might crop up during the winter.  
Rehearsal sports programs are  
underway to keep the men occupied  
in their off-duty hours.

An important aspect of the  
men's training is the more certain  
units are making to the coastal  
defence posts, to give them a  
change and experience in front-  
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## What Shall I Give Him for Christmas?



the  
answer is...

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## Plot Foiled

Smashing an amazing plot to seize  
the \$400,000 United States army  
payroll at Fort Ord, near Salinas,  
Calif., under cover of machine-  
gun, police arrested James L.  
Allegretti, described as the "key-  
man" in the daring plan.  
Allegretti was wanted in Chicago  
for complicity in the near fatal  
shooting of a Chicago Tribune  
payroll guard and the theft of  
\$10,000 cash last July 18, police  
say.

## AGRIC. MEETING NEXT WEEK TO BE SIGNIFICANT

SASKATOON, Dec. 12.—(CP)—  
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Canadian army—as some officers  
were dubbed today, is out at the  
criterion of efficiency and Canadian  
achievement in the army branch of  
the war effort.

## British Envoy's Passing Causes Widespread Regret Throughout United States

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Regret at the untimely  
death of the Marquess of Lothian, British ambassador to  
the United States, who died early Thursday at the age of 58,  
was widespread today and the press, unanimous in praising  
his skill in handling Anglo-American relations in his 15  
months in office, also agreed that the vacancy would be difficult  
to fill.

Most United States newspapers,  
in paying editorial tribute to the  
late ambassador, looked at his  
last upon Lord Lothian's wide  
knowledge of the country and his  
skill in diplomacy in placing  
British's position before Ameri-  
cans. As the Herald Boston put  
it, "No other English ambassador  
has ever understood us so well."

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## GREAT FORCE OF ARMORED MIGHT URGED

British Observer Advocates  
Further Mechanization  
Of Army

By ROSS MUNRO  
ALDERSHOT, Eng., Dec. 12.—  
(CP)—With the outbreak of winter  
Europe under German domination  
it falls to imagination that the  
army, with her limited manpower,  
could reconquer it along ex-  
tended lines. Capt. R. H. Liddell  
Hart, one of Britain's foremost  
military affairs writers, suggests  
in his latest work.

The book is called "Dynamic De-  
fence" and in it Liddell Hart urges  
further army mechanization to in-  
crease mobility for both defence  
and offensive work.

**"POWERFUL ARMY"**  
The volume is only 64 pages but  
as the Times says, any new work  
by Liddell Hart "is always com-  
mendingly original."

"A powerful mechanized army  
operating under the wings of a  
supreme air force, offers the best  
possibility of producing any mili-  
tary decision," wrote Liddell  
Hart.

Such warfare comes natural only  
to those who have grown up in the  
mechanized army," he wrote. "We  
ought to be making the fullest pos-  
sible use of these younger men and  
rejecting the old methods of mili-  
tary education, training and com-  
mand."

He thought the matter could  
have been settled more largely and  
probably than by forcibly removing  
the goods.

The Social Credit group was given  
possession of the activities "for an  
indeterminate period" but no dam-  
ages were allowed.

Cowboys are made by a tiny  
squad, but because it seldom is ob-  
served as work many people be-  
lieve the words to be a reality  
of dust and dirt. "Coy" is an old  
English word meaning spider.

"Happily, this chain of short-

## Sifton Resigns As Vice-President Of The Canadian Press

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Ac-  
ceptance of the resignation of Vice-  
President, Sifton, as first vice-  
president, director and member of  
The Canadian Press, is announced  
by W. Robert Davis, president of  
The Canadian Press and of the  
Kingston, Ont. Standard-Free Press.

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## EDMONTON MEN WIN WINGS AT ONTARIO CAMP

CAMP BORDEN, Ont. Dec. 12.—  
(CP)—Young aviators of the  
Royal Canadian Air Force from  
many parts of Canada and repre-  
sentative also of United States and  
England, received their wings at  
the British Commonwealth Air  
Training Centre here Thursday  
night.

Two officers were included in the  
graduating class: Pte. L. R. P. Ope-  
rations and Pte. L. R. P. Ope-  
rations. They came to the school  
as navigation officers, both with  
private licenses, and now they are  
taking refresher courses.

Members of the class will remain  
at Camp Borden for advanced train-  
ing and then will attend another ad-  
vanced training school before enter-  
ing active service.

Two men from the United States,  
LAC B. W. Best of St. Petersburg,  
Fla., and LAC D. H. Van Buren of  
Richmond, Va., were among those  
getting wings.

Others included: Leading Air-  
craftman Gordon Womack, Ed-  
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D. Chapman, Vancouver; R. L.  
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## Another Blitzkrieg

The bottle at St. Barre had been turned into a major disaster for the army of invasion in Egypt. Three divisions of Italian troops had been sent to the task of holding this advanced French and outlying defence posts, a total of more than 30,000 men. Two-thirds of these are reported captured, the remainder fleeing wildly for the Libyan border, hotly pursued by the British-Allied land and air forces, their route of retreat shelled by British warships offshore.

It is not at all impossible that the next move may develop into a debacle for Graziani's army, though the main body of his troops has yet to be involved. In any case, the invasion of Egypt of "off" The Marshal must now fight a defensive action, a highly mobile and deadly armoured army in front, a long and wide communications line, and a rear exposed as well as land and air attack, and leading to a base that has been cut off from the source of supplies.

This action shows "blitzkrieg" methods are not held in monopoly by the Axis forces. This is the first time they have met British and Allied troops in a conventional war, in terms. They have been decisively beaten by their own methods. This will be noted both at Rome and Berlin.

## French Factories Repair Bombers

Announcement at London by the ministry of economic warfare that these French automobile factories are working full blast to repair German bombers makes sad reading. It has been hoped, and generally supposed, that Frenchmen, even in the event of war, would refuse to turn their hands to shaping the instruments with which their conquerors are waging warfare against their former allies. That due to their skill and labor British civilians, women and children are being blown to smithereens, and believed it came from any less responsible source.

But it will not do to jump hastily to the conclusion that these French factories are doing the dirty work of their own accord. They and their families are absolutely at the mercy of masters to whom they are unknown. There are a million and a quarter of their countrymen in German internment camps, subject to whatever aspects of torture Nazi ingenuity may exact. No one knows what threats and abuse have been used to compel these unfortunate French mechanics to do the bidding of their conquerors, or say they can have no excuse. But who knows what any man would do to save his wife and children from the savagery that was let loose in Poland?

This announcement would not have been made without definite knowledge of the fact. They being the case, the French factories are as proper targets for British bombers as factories anywhere in Germany or other occupied territory. It is the bitter but inescapable duty of these factories to be destroyed. This, it is to be supposed, will be done. And it can be done with the regular approval of the British government, man and woman in France who know the time to which they are being put.

## Seeing Canada—At Last

Canada's national parks, it is officially reported, have drawn more visitors this year than in any preceding year. The total for well over 1,000,000, an increase of 185,000 over the figure for last year. In 1937-38 the million mark had been reached before Jasper park had all the camps with a total of 66,000 visitors more than last year. The total recorded there was more than 40,000.

"This year's park season," says the Canadian in the great majority. There was a fairly sharp decrease in the number coming from the United States. This was very disappointing for many reasons, including the fact that if more United States money had been spent in the Dominion there would be more of it available to any necessary war supplies.

Against this is to be placed the fact that many thousands more Canadians saw their national parks this year than in any former season. This is altogether to the good. Not least among people in Canada have visited these playgrounds, which were established and are maintained primarily for their use and enjoyment. The more familiar our own people become with the parks, the more they will be getting for their tax-money; and the more effective they will be as unpaid advertising agents of the park attractions when they go abroad.

It took the war and its restrictions to turn the tide of Canadian travel to the national parks. Hereafter thousands of Canadians who had never explored their national beauty spots every summer to marvel at scenery elsewhere. These activities, as well as the mountains and valleys and glaciers and streams and forests of our own national playgrounds.

## Consumption Exceeds Production

Trouble ahead, not far ahead, is foreseen for the price and trade balance at Ottawa. On two items in particular, lumber and butter. Prices have been rising for some time for either of these commodities, the existence of the board with its broad regulatory powers having been sufficient to restrain any war who were disposed to hold prices unduly. But now some of the lumber producers and dealers are urging at Ottawa that prices be brought into line.

The butter situation is somewhat different. The price here has been rising upward because supplies have been going down.

# from the news side glances

By Harold L. Weir

H. G. Wells once wrote a blood-sucking tale about a fellow who discovered a way to make his body immortal. The idea of this chap was to commit as many depredations and inspire as much terror as he could levy blackened from the entire community.

While this was a lofty ambition, we can still think of many more interesting ways to employ the rare gift of invulnerability.

An unscrupulous rogue, for instance, could have a merry time trying door-to-door asking people to buy his insurance. But who could he have lusted in, during these past few weeks, on some of the most curious conversations ever to take place anywhere.

There was that talk, for example, between Commissar Molotov and Fuehrer Hitler in Berlin.

What did these two say to each other?

It has been suggested that Hitler went on of his verbal sprees and made impassioned speeches while Molotov grunted monosyllables.

It has been reported that Hitler shouted his tirade of Russian threats to make us believe that Molotov assented to every proposal and that the Soviets were henceforth in Hitler's right-hand ship pocket.

Two strange things stand out as a result of this vital conversation:

One is that the promises made enough promises to get out of Berlin alive.

None of his promises meant enough to get out of Berlin alive. It was not clear that Hitler got out of the Nazis or from giving assurances to the Turks.

Somehow or other, the comrade from Moscow managed to pull the wool over Hitler's eyes.

An invincible man could have told us how he did it.

It would be most interesting to know, too, what goes on when Mussolini and Hitler get together.

There is a popular conception, fostered by the clever radio program "Carry On, Canada," that the Italian dictator is a simpleton. It is a pity that the Italian dictator is not a simpleton.

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# the passing show

By J. S. Cowper

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# today and tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

America and a Neglected Peace. Although a number of trials have been held, the peace process has been slow.

Some diplomatic forces extended through non-belligerent countries under present conditions a negotiation is not possible.

That this is a very clearly understood in Great Britain is shown on Thursday when the House of Commons voted 341 to 4 against a proposal to negotiate.

When the realities of the war are in mind, it is not possible to see any way to end an evidence of unbrokenness even of official statements. But we shall do well to remember that the British are a people with a good deal of common sense, and a long political experience, and a general free compromise when a compromise is feasible.

And if they are convinced that a negotiated peace is not possible, the chances are that they understand the position as it really is, and do those who live safely at a distance.

A negotiated peace today would mean accepting the fact that Hitler is not a man who can be trusted.

And now, believe it or not, Mr. Ribbentrop is to be sent to Norway, Belgium, Holland, and France. Even if Hitler agreed to disarm, the British would not be satisfied.

The crucial question, therefore, is whether a negotiated peace is possible. The answer is that it is not possible.

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## British Forces Driving Italians Out Of Africa World Traveller States

British and Australian troops in Egypt, numbering hundreds of thousands, will shortly clean up all the Italian forces in Africa, and already are thinking in terms of the second phase of their campaign against Italy, it was stated here Friday by E. J. S. Brown, superintendent of agencies of the Crown Life Insurance Company of Canada.



### On World Tour

E. J. S. BROWN, superintendent of agencies of the Crown Life Insurance Company of Canada, who has just returned from a tour of the world, is seen here with his wife, Mrs. E. J. S. Brown, and daughter, Miss E. J. S. Brown, who is also a member of the company.

## EMPLOYEES OF WOODWARD LTD. GET BONUSES

### Manager J. W. Butterfield Stresses Value Of Buying War Stamps

Opportunity to aid in Canada's war effort through the purchase of war savings stamps was stressed by J. W. Butterfield, manager of Woodward Ltd., in a brief address to the staff of the company, held at the store Thursday evening.

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## Today Is Friday Thirteenth Appasement Policy Won't Do Trick So Launch Offensive On Imps

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## INDEPENDENTS MAY NOMINATE LEADER HERE

### Delegates From All Parts Will Attend Convention Here Saturday

Delegates from every Alberta constituency will be in attendance at the convention of the Independent group which opens at the Macdonald Hotel on Saturday morning, it was announced Friday by members of the convention committee in Edmonton. It is anticipated that more than 150 delegates will attend the one-day convention.

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Turks Guard Dardanelles From Attack

German and Russian Rivalry Over Waterway Is Deep-Seated

By DANA SCHMIDT  
ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 13.—Threat of an axis drive through the Balkans to the Near East, which a few weeks ago seemed acute, has been dissipated at least until spring, diplomatic quarters believed today.

British and Greek successes against Italy, apparent retreat of Russia, no movement to German domination in southeastern Europe, Bulgaria's failure to join the Axis and Turkey's increasing determination to fight any nation that may move against her are all influencing opinion here.

A treaty of friendship signed last May between Yugoslavia and Hungary, which relations had not been warm since the latter was a first step toward a real alliance, was a powerful influence in the south-east.

Turkey's position is strengthened by the fact that the Turkish Republic is a member of the League of Nations, and that the Turkish Republic is a member of the League of Nations.

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# MATA HARI'S DAUGHTER

By Maurice Dekobra and Loyla Georgie

CHAPTER THIRTY-SEVEN  
BRINDA stabbed blindly. She felt as a cat. Valday dipped just far enough to let the blade go by, then seized her wrist.

"Drop it at once, please, or I shall have to strike!"

The dagger struck the floor and Valday picked it up, sent it spinning into a corner. "You really would have stabbed me, I believe!"

He held his arm, contemplating her sadly. "And that in spite of my saving your life three times! Most ungrateful, to say the least."

"Saved my life?" Brinda looked her disbelief. "What do you mean?"

"Never mind, it isn't important. Perhaps I shall tell you some day. Opening a delicately carved ivory case, he proffered a cigarette. She declined. With a shrug, he lit one himself.

"Well—I am sorry."  
"That you saved my life?"  
"That I irritated you to the point of trying to take mine. Can you forgive me?"

Was he making fun of her? Brinda searched his countenance but found no trace of mockery.

Without asking, she gazed that he would not spurn her now if she chose to leave. And that betwixt the sudden transition from danger to security, coupled with the violent emotions she had just experienced, made her feel suddenly faint.

Valday was at a chair for support. Brinda, linked, panting words of endearment and self-reproach poured from him as he lifted her gently, placing her on the sofa. Brinda became aware that he was kneeling, anxiously imploring her pardon.

She had the sense of watching a play, a play she felt sure she could safely see through to the end. "Please Valday, get up!" He complied instantly.

"Now tell me, just what is this about? I really think I have the right to know." He appeared to meditate for a moment, his eyes fixed beyond her. He nodded.

"You that is true. But for one reason only. I cannot live—no! Wait—I give you my word that I shall tell you."

**Sonnysayings**  
A young man and woman are sitting on a bench. The man is looking at the woman and she is looking at him. They are both smiling.

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This is true—I have loved you from the first time we danced together—before I shall never love any other woman again!" His tone was vibrant with feeling. "And you may know I am not lying, because I say this, realizing that you, of all women, do not love me. His eyes pierced her suddenly. "That's true, isn't it?"

"I'm sorry... I am afraid it is," she explained. "Why didn't you run that knife in me?"

He stared at her with despairing eyes. "I somehow fancied I might tonight." His tone was bitter. "Oh, me, my beautiful, what is it? Why, of all women, should you be the one I cannot possess?"

"What should she say? Of course it would be easy to tell him she was in love with Dick. But that would not help her learn the things she had to know."

"Perhaps," she said softly, after a moment of thought, "it is because you are so mysterious... well, really, because I don't really know you—I can't explain, but you seem to be like this house—full of secrets, surprising secrets."

He nodded gravely. "That is understandable, my dear. But if that is all, it can easily be remedied."

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As she fast whirled away, he turned back to the house, aware with the man, and he went inside, to the hallway, furrowed, stood Lady Gladys.

"So that's your new conquest!" raged the beautiful blonde daughter of Lord Mountway. "Well, you've gone too far! This time, Valday must stop you here!"

"Not being decent," replied Valday, coldly. "I do. How do you propose to stop me?"

"You should know," stormed the ordinarily cool Gladys. "I shall warn Sir John Sanderson. Not only about the precious Brinda, but about you... I'm going to tell him everything! Do you understand?"

"Very thoroughly. Now go!"

Lady Gladys looked at him unbelievably. "I will, Vasein," she sobbed. "I'm not just threatening. On my word—I will!"

Valday opened the door. "Go. And don't come back until you are—reasonable!"

As Gladys groped her way to the street, Valday coughed. Shaking twice, the figure emerged again from the shadows, revealed as the ball-necked chauffeur, Valday pointed.

The man nodded. Gladys looked back, as she hastened frantically along the dim street, she would have seen a black shape following—never close enough to be a deterrent, but always keeping her in view.

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